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1. On 3 January 1950, 340 Chinese Communist troops, transported in 17 trucks, arrived in Erhchiang (Charzhlik - 88-02, 39-02) from Tunhuang (94-47, 40-08), Kansu Province (P-2). These troops were to proceed to Chiehmo (Charshan Bazar - 85-32, 38-08) after the arrival of more troops from Tunhuang.
2. In early January 1950 about four hundred Chinese Communist troops were moving on foot from Kuernlo (Korla - 85-55, 41-45) to Erhchiang, along the road which parallels the Tarim Darya.
3. By mid-January 1950 Chinese Communist troops had entered all Ili areas, and the Ili group and Communists were apparently working together.*
4. Thirty delegates, representing all racial groups in Sinkiang Province, were in Tihua for the purpose of forming a "People's Provincial Government."
5. The Chinese Communists at Erhchiang are taking seven percent of all crops as tax, and have forbidden landowners either to sell or to leave their land.
6. The Chinese Communists have agreed that the Indian, Afghan and USSR borders of Sinkiang Province will be guarded by Russian troops from the Ili area.

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